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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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First Named Inventor	Redmond et al
Group Art Unit	3738
Examiner Name	Thomas C. Barrett
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under C.F.R. § 1.114.

☐ Previously submitted

☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 8, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Enclosed

☒ Preliminary Amendment In Conjunction With A Request For Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 And Request For Interview

☐ Drawing Amendment w/formal versions of drawings

☐ Request for One (1) Month Extension of Time

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous

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☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103© for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Fees

3. The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

☒ One (1) Check in the amount of (1) **\$385.00** is enclosed for the following:

☒ (1) RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e): Small Entity

☐ (1) Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17)

☐ (2) Added claims fee

☐ Other

☒ The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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